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1. MRS. PASCU INTENDS RETURN TO BUCHAREST O/A JAN 6.
SINCE TAROM FLIG;T CANCELED TAT DATE, DEPT UNAWARE HER
FLIGHT PLANS. WILL CABLE IF AVAILABLE LATER.

2. DESPITE INTERMITTENT BUREAUCRATIC MUDDLES ON BOTH
ROMANIAN AND OUR SIDE, MRS. PASCU EFFECTIVELY PLAYED ER
DUAL ROLE AS IVP GRANTEE AND CURATOR OF ROMANIAN RUG AND
TAPESTRY EXHIBIT. IN CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES AND DETROIT,
HER MAIN CONCERNS NATURALLY AROSE FROM ARRANGEMENTS FOR
EXHIBIT. SHE ALSO MET WITH ACADEMICS AND DIRECTORS OF
OTHER MUSEUM IN THESE CITIES, AND GAVE A NUMBER OF
LECTURES, E.G., IN CHICAGO TO WEAVERS ASSOCIATION OF
ILLINOIS, AT UARAT COLLEGE IN LAKE FOREST, ILL., AND AT
ROMANIAN LIBRARY IN NEW YORK.

3. TRAVEL ELSEWHERE TOOK MRS. PASCU TO WILLIAMSBURG WHICH
SHE GREATLY ENJOYED AND DENVER ART MUSEUM WHERE INDIAN
RUG LOOMS WERE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST. AS OFTEN HAPPENS
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WITH IVP GRANTEES, A SMALLER CITY,--IN THIS CASE, CHEYENNE,

WYOMING--PROVIDED ONE OF HIGH POINTS OF TRIP. MRS. PASCU WAS VERY CORDIALLY RECEIVED AT WYOMING STATE MUSEUM WHERE RECEPTION WAS GIVEN IN HER HONOR WITH LOCAL TELEVISION COVERAGE. GRANTEE ALSO WAS WARMLY HOSTED IN MONTERREY, CALIF, BY DR. SORIN ISSVORAN WHO HOPES ESTABLISH ROMANIAN ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM IN MONTERREY COUNTRY, AND SPOKE WITH MRS. PASCU ABOUT GOR FUNDING FOR TIS VENTURE. NUMEROUS VISITS TO AMERICAN HOMES PROVIDED HER GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR INFORMAL CONTACTS.

5. SINCE MRS. PASCU'S STAY TURNED OUT LONGER THAN PLANNED, SHE IS UNDERSTANDABLY TIRED AND ANXIOUS RETURN HOME. BUT, LONG STAY AND DEEP INVOLVEMENT WITH ROMANIAN EXHIBIT HERE HAVE AFFORDED HER GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF WORKINGS OF U.S. MUSEUMS AND THEIR STAFFS. THIS SHOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE WORTH TO BOTH SIDES IN ARRANGING EXHIBITIONS IN EITHER DIRECTION IN THE FUTURE. KISSINGER

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